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The Zhdanov and Shcherbakovskiy Rayon Public Health Departments are conducting a series of competitions aimed at improving the standards of medical workers. To date, the Shcherbakovskiy department has shown the better progress. Several child medical care institutions have been unified. For example, Polyclinic No 2, Consultation Clinic No 66, and Child Welfare Center No 202 have been unified with the First Children's Hospital. A blood-transfusion unit has been organized at Polyclinic No 53, and a functional diagnosis unit has been organized at Polyclinic No 77.

The Kiybyshev Oblast rural medical network celebrated the 32d anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution by expanding its facilities. There are now an additional 10 dentistry units and 12 clinical diagnosis laboratories.

Kharkov Oblast medical workers are also sharing in the festivities occasioned by the anniversary of the Great October Revolution. They have completed several modern maternity homes in the villages of Kalinino, Chernetchina, and Andreyeva, Borovskiy Rayon. An additional 36 buildings are being prepared for maternity purposes.

Leading workmen at the Chemicopharmaceutical Factory in Riga have developed a new technological process for the production of glycerophosphate. As a result, production has been doubled. Excellent results were obtained by improving the electrolysis process in the manufacture of calcium gluconate. Other efficiency measures made it possible to increase the production of medicinal terpin hydrate by 12 percent.

The Leningrad Chemicopharmaceutical Institute has renewed a training program with some changes which will soon result in better qualified workers for the chemicopharmaceutical industries. There are two new faculties: engineer-technologists and engineer-microbiologists. In addition there are eight new chairs equipped with modern laboratories.

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In 1939, the Bucovina health service was extremely inefficient with a resulting high mortality rate. Today, the inhabitants of Chernovits Oblast receive the best of medical care free of charge. There are 77 hospitals, 78 polyclinics, and more than 500 other medical establishments. Recently, construction has been started on 22 new rural hospitals, two laboratories and five X-ray stations. The system of community building has been utilized to renovate completely many hospitals and medical buildings and all have been prepared for winter operation. Preparations are being completed for the construction of a 75-bed tuberculosis sanatorium in Storozhinetsk Rayon.

Many new medical establishments are being built in Khushtskiy Okrug. The new 35-bed hospital being completed at Vyshkova brings the total of medical establishments in this village up to three. Community building projects are responsible for the complete modernization of a building to be used as a hospital for the inhabitants of the "Nove Zhittya" and "Radyans'kiy Frikordonnik" farms of the Agricultural Artel imeni Stalin. The inhabitants of the Dragovskiy Artel imeni Molotov have been working hard to expand the medical network. Two new buildings, which are being built, will eventually increase the number of beds by one and a half times.

A radio broadcasting station has been organized at the Polyclinic of the First State Bearing Factory imeni L. M. Kaganovich, Moscow. It broadcasts regularly twice daily, stressing sanitation and antiepidemic measures.

The staff of the Leningrad Pharmaceutical Institute conducted a series of expeditions during the summer vacations to study the flora of Leningrad Oblast. The principal purpose was to determine the type and number of medicinal plants which exist in this oblast.

Prof N. A. Al'bov has been relieved of his duties as chief therapist of the Ministry of Public Health USSR. The vacancy has been filled by Prof P. Ye. Lukomskiy.

Prof B. A. Petrov has been relieved of his duties as chief surgeon of the Ministry of Public Health USSR. Doctor of Medical Sciences V. I. Struchkov, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Prof V. P. Mikhaylov has been replaced by Doctor of Medical Sciences P. A. Beloshapko as chief obstetrician of the Ministry of Public Health USSR. This shift was necessary to relieve Prof Mikhaylov of some of his work load and to permit him to consolidate his energies.

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